243 Hungarian soil, especially in sandy areas. The production of rice was before 1945 only in an experimental stage. In the post-war period, the government's extensive irrigation program and favoring of rice has resulted in a now increasing rice yield coming from approximately 50,000 cadastral [249] acres. Sugar beets provide Hungary's sugar.

245 274 At present, vineyards cover 800,000 cadastral acres and produce world-famous wines. The yearly output of the wine industry is 3-4 million liters of wine with an average alcoholic content of 11-14.5 per cent. Hungarians are the sixth largest wine consumers in Europe, averaging 38 liters a year per person.

244 Vegetables are grown throughout the country, with certain regions specializing in particular crops. Nagykörös furnishes most of the cucumbers, Kalocsa and Szeged pepper and paprika, and Makó is the center of garlic and onion production. Tomatoes come from the regions of Budapest, Hatvan, Kecskemét, Nagykörös and Kaposvár. The yearly production of excellent FREIGHT CAR (5.5 per cent sugar content) tomatoes amounts to approximately 7,000 carloads.

245 The long summer sunshine gives to Hungarian fruit an almost unsurpassed quality. The following chart shows the pre-war number of fruit